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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF U.S. DEFENSE

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1. I HAVE REVIEWED TEXT TRANSMITTED REFTEL AND HAVE
FOLLOWING SUGGESTED REVISIONS:

A. REVISE PARA 2 TO READ QTE DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE
AGENCY (DEFENSE ATTACHE'S OFFICE): THE DEFENSE ATTACHE'S
OFFICE PROPER CONSISTS OF TWENTY-TWO (22) AMERICAN AND
EIGHT (8) FOREIGN SERVICE LOCALS. (A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER
OF POSITIONS IN SPECIAL OFFICES, DESCRIBED BELOW, ARE
ABOVE AND BEYOND THESE TOTALS.) IT HAS NINE CARS AND
FOUR CHAUFFEURS. UNQTE

B. IN PARA 5, OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH SUPERVISES A
PERIODICALLY ROTATING TDY STAFF OF ABOUT FORTY (40) SCI-
ENTISTS NOT RPT NOT TWENTY-EIGHT.)

C. PARA 8, CINCUSNAVEUR HAS OVER ONE THOUSAND AMERI-
CANS. NUMBER OF U.S. OPERATIONAL FORCES TOTAL 26,000.

2. BELIEVE CLASSIFICATION OF CONFIDENTIAL WOULD BE ADE-
QUATE.

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3. I PERSONALLY BELIEVE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE GOOD BUT ALSO BELIEVE THAT ALL MILITARY OFFICES SHOULD BE CONSOLIDATED UNDER AUTHORITY OF DEFENSE ATTACHE. AS I TOLD YOU WHEN YOU WERE HERE, HOWEVER, I AM SKEPTICAL THAT THIS WILL EVER TAKE PLACE AS LONG AS ANACHRONISM IS MAINTAINED THAT DEFENSE ATTACHES ARE APPOINTED BY AND UNDER JURISDICTION OF DIA RATHER THAN DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AS AN INSTITUTION. OTHER MILITARY ELEMENTS WILL RESIST BEING PUT UNDER AUTHORITY OF AN ORGANIZATION THEY BELIEVE IS ANSWERABLE ONLY TO ONE MINOR ELEMENT (I.E. DIA) RATHER THAN TO DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AS A WHOLE.

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